"THE MASTER OF THE GARDEN," SENSATIONAL STORY IN TWO PARTS AT LYRIC TONIGHT

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JUDGE M'ILVAINE MAY RECEIVE APPOINTMENT

Possibility That He Will be Named to Succeed Judge Beaver

CHANCE FOR M'CLOSKEY

With Vacancy Created on County Bench Local Man Would be in Line

From the national capital comes a rumor that Washington county may figure in filling the vacancy on the superior court bench, caused by the death of the late Judge Beaver. This rumor is to the effect that Governor Tenen may appoint Judge J. A. McIlvaine to the position, who is regarded as one of the strongest jurists in the state, and for whom Governor Tener has a high regard.

Much local interest attaches to this rumor, from the fact that the appointment if made, will leave another vacancy on the Washington county bench which would be filled by the governor This has already set the county bar, as well as the politicians, agog with interest. There will no doubt be a number of applicants for the local appointment in case Judge McIlvaine is elevated to the superior court bench and feeling would run high.

It is pretty generally conceded that in case of a vacancy on the local bench Attorney David L. McCloskey of Charleroi will be the logical candidate Mr McCloskey was prominently mentioned when the vacancy caused by the death of the late Judge J. F. Taylor occurred. Many of his friends throughout the county thought that Governor Tener would tender him the appointment, which was finally given to Judge Robert W Irwin of Washington. Next to Mr. Irwin Mr. McCloskey was the only candidate who was seriously considered by the public for the appointment.

The many friends of Judge McIlvaine in this community would be pleased to see him honored with the appointment to the Superior court bench. He is eminently fitted to fill the position and his work on the county bench has attracted wide attention and furnished many of the judicial precedents now recognized throughout the commonwealth.

RECEPTION AND DINNER GIVEN FOR NEWLYWEDS

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Whitlatch were honored by a dinner and reception at their new home at 124 Fallowfield avenue Wednesday upon their arrival from Reynoldsville, where they were married on Tuesday. Eleven sat down to the dinner which was served at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Anna Shepler of Pittsburg a relative of the groom, served in the role of hostess. Favors were pink and white carnations.

Following the dinner an informal program of entertainment was carried out, of which a feature was music.

Excellent vaudeville at the Palace tonight. Friday, Saturday Matinee and night. 174t1

Postoffice at Dunlevy

Young Americanized Italian Postmaster---Will Serve About 300 Families

The postoffice at Dunlevy on the Monongahela river between Speers and Allenport which was discontinued about a year ago has been re-established and is now open for business. About three months ago Postoffice Inspector Williams, of Greensburg, conducted an examination at Dunlevy and Wedo Rosino made the highest grade and secured the appointment as postmaster. Mr. Rosino is a young Americanized Italian and conducts a confectionery store in which the postoffice will be located. This office will serve about three hundred families. Matthew Linn of Dunlevy was formerly postmaster before the office was discontinued.

DAMAGE IS DONE BY FIRE

Bentleyville Suffers Worst Conflagration In Its History

TOTAL LOSS $10,000

Flames which swept a section of Bentleyville Wednesday did damage approximating $10.000 and furnished the biggest blaze the town ever experienced. Three frame buildings on Main street were consumed by the fire which is of mysterious and suspicious origin.

The volunteer fire company headed by the new chief, Harry Brenniser, did yoeman service in fighting the flames, its work preventing a spread of the conflagration to other buildings.

The blaze was discovered early in a vacant restaurant building and it was two hours later before it was sufficiently checked to be under complete control. The principal losers are:

The Principal Losers.

Louis Finley, loss to restaurant building, $1,200; insurance $1,000.

John Smith, loss to double dwelling and storeroom, $4,500; insurance $600.

James Yearce, tenant in the Smith building, loss $1,500; no insurance.

Philip Dorazio, loss to double dwelling house, $2,500; insurance, $1,500.

Philip D'Allesandro, loss to dwelling, $100.

Slight damage was done by heat and smoke to adjacent buildings but not enough to cause any appreciable loss.

Louis Finley, who owned the restaurant biulding, where the firse originated has been at Akron, O., recently and so far as is known no one had

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APPLICATIONS ARE WITHDRAWN BY TWO

Ellsworth and Cokeburg Men Change Mind After Judge McIlvaine Tells Them Something of the Brooks Law

License court grind still continued Wednesday at Washington, when further applicants from various points in the county were heard. Two applications from Ellsworth and Cokeburg were withdrawn when Judge McIlvaine said that the Brooks law could not be construed to cover the conditions of the applications as they were presented. The sociological department of the Ellsworth Collieries company explained how beer was handled through that department for the employes who drank, with a view of regulating and restricting the consumption. The reason the Acme Brewing company of Bentleyville and the Charleroi Brewery of the Pittsburg Independent Brewing company were permitted to distribute beer under regulation was because those two concerns delivered it by wagon from their breweries, in conformity to the ruling of the court some time ago.

The applications of Elizabeth M Hayden, and Peter Thanhouser, of Finleyville were presented and heard. Witnesses both for and against the necessity of these licenses gave testimony.

William Coulson of the Hotel Central, and A H Furlong, of the Roscoe Hotel, both of whom were refused license last year, were heard. Each presented a long array of character witnesses who testified as to the necessity of more license accomodations, and each were opposed by witnesses who testified that more licenses were not necessary. O. M. Reed was a new applicant at Roscoe, and he too had witnesses who declared that the license he asked for was necessary.

The hearing of Thomas Madigan of the Hotel Moore at Millsboro was completed Wednesday. Witnesses both for and against the applicant were heard, and Mr. Madigan testified in his own behalf, denying all charges that had been made against him.

John L. Zwick, who has the exclusive license privilege at the Hotel Francis at Finleyville, was the last hearing for the day. Witnesses testified as to the necessity of the license, while other witnesses declared that no license was necessary for the benefit of the traveling public.

The case of William Zellars of the Hotel Charleroi, which had been continued, in order to permit him to get

The aplications from Roscoe of further evidence, was resumed today.

DR. NORCROSS TO SHARE WITH DR. TEMPLE SPEAKING HONORS

Popular Pittsburger and Twenty-Fourth District Congressman to Attend Charleroi Banquet as Honor Guests

In addition to Congressman Henry W. Temple, of Washington, the committee arranging for the banquet of the Charleroi Business Men's Association to be held on February 19 at Turner Hall, has secured the services of Rev. James E. Norcross, of Pittsburg, as a speaker. Further plans for the affair will be mapped out tonight at a meeting of the Business Men's Association to be held in their association rooms in the Kirk and Clark building.

Dr. Norcross is the speaker who was the hit of the evening at the reception and banquet to the members of the Pittsburg Commercial club at the Elks' club some weeks ago on their trip to Charleroi. He proved to be the best booster of the lot of boosters from Pittsburg. He is a witty speaker and a fluent one, as well as a popular man. No subject has yet been announced for Dr. Norcross.

Congressman Temple is to discuss the new currency law in his address. He is an expert on currency matters.

In addition to Dr. Temple and Dr. Norcross there will be other speakers and other entertainment will be furnished.

Tonight the Business Men's Association at their meeting will elect officers for the year and attend to other important business.

HAZEL BROWN AND CHARLES BARROWS IN VAUDEVILLE

Hazel Brown and Charles Barrows will head the vaudeville bill at the Palace theatre the last three days of this week in their comedy sketch, "The Girl and the Pearl," in which Mr. Mack's and Mr. Barrow's song hit. "The Ever Loving Southern Home" will be introduced. Skipper and Miller, "The Boys from Song Land" will appear in a musical skit, and a duo known as "Petite Sisters" will give their artistic singing and dancing act. The three-reel motion picture will be "By Whose Hand."

FOR SALE

On account of going back to the old country, nice 8 room house, also 5 piece mahogany parlor suit, bed room suit and all household goods. Everything will be sold cheap. Inquire 608 Lookout avenue. 158-26t-p

RAILWAYS COMPANY MEN VISIT IN CHARLEROI

Fred S. Elbs, superintendent of the Washington and Charleroi divisions of the Pittsburg Railways company; W. S. Whitlindge real estate agen and M. F. Metcalf, freight agent, were in Charleroi today looking after business matters pertaining to their company's affairs.

Deeds Recorded

November 11, 1913—Agnew McKean Stewart, et con., of Pittsburg, to Charles W. Black of Charleroi, lot in Charleroi on Crest avenue, 40x115 feet; consideration $1.

Appraisement Filed.

In the estate of Matthew Breuer, late of Charleroi, the personal property is appraised at $68.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Rigby, an 8-pound daughter.

MONESSEN VISITED BY $20,000 CONFLAGRATION

Stone Is Out For Congress

Announcement Made of Candidacy of Twenty-Fourth District Man

Interest has been added to the congressional fight in the Twenty-fourth district, comprising Washington, Lawrence and Beaver counties, by the announcement of county commissioner Charles H. Stone of Beaver as a candidate for the Republican nomination. Mr Stone's official announcement appears in the Mail.

Stone appears as an anti-Penrose candidate, and will oppose former Lieut. Gov. William H. Brown of New Castle, who has come out as a Republican aspirant backed, it is reported, by Penrose. Henry W. Temple of Washington, present Congressman, will be a candidate for renomination on the Progressive party ticket.

RECEIPTS IN TAXES ARE LARGE

Treasurer's Report for Year Shows Financial Condition

TOTAL LOAN, $25,000

Taxes for 1913, loans and a bond issue comprised the largest items in the list of borough receipts for 1913, according to the report of T. R. Eagye who was borough treasurer for that period. The largest items in the disbursement column were for street paving and loans.

The total amount of taxes received for 1913 was $10,601.29. The loans received during the year aggregated $25,500, with the same sum expended credited as loans. The bond issue authorized amounted to $17,000, and much of the money will be used this year. The street paving assessment credited in the receipts was $9,956.94. Most of the remaining items were comparatively small and confined to details. Tax receipts for 1910 amounted to $2,031.28, for 1811, they amounted to $2,049.37 and for 1912 $1,892.91.

Street "improvements" for the year cost $7,245, according to the report of disbursements: fuel and light, $4,635.72 and the police expenditures were $3,169.26.

Street paving cost $19,139, with loans paid amounting to $25,500. Bonds and interest on bonds amounted up to considerable, approximating in the aggregate to $13,270. At the end of the year the balance turned over by Treasurer Eagye to the new treasurer, R. H. Rush, was $10,193.50. The balance the previous year had been $2,313.32.

Fifth Avenue Hotel and Adjoining Buildings Much Damaged

ORIGIN IS DOUBTFUL

Claimed it Started in Stable But Owner Denies This Assertion

Monessen was the scene of a $20,000 fire a short while before midnight Wednesday night, and among the heaviest sufferers was W. F. Seanor at the Fifth Avenue hotel, the hotel being partly gutted by flames and heavily damaged by water.

The Principal Losers.

W. F. Seanor, Fifth Avenue hotel, loss from $5,000 to $8,000; partly insured.

Robert Shibler and Jock Menefee, proprietors of Idle Hour pool room; George Altmeyer, of McKeesport, owner of pool room building; total loss $5,000; some insurance.

Mike Maliniak, two story building and three-story stable, with part of contents, loss $8,000; little insurance.

Isaac Meyer, jeweler, and E. Wise, clothier, having small stores in the Maliniak building, loss to each approximately $800; no insurance.

Lincoln club; damage to equipment $400.

It is believed the fire originated in the three-story stable owned by Maliniak at thereat of the Fifth avenue hotel, although Maliniak denies this. On the third floor of this structure a number of foreigners lived.

When the flames were discovered they had gained considerable headway, and had spread towards the Fifth Avenue hotel, which shortly caught fire. Two alarms were sounded. The stable was a frame structure. The two buildings owned by Maliniak were easy prey to the flames.

The interior of the hotel was nearly gutted by fire, and great damage was done to the bed and bedding and to the interior, so that renovation will cost thousands of dollars. Shibler and Menefee managed to get some of their equipment such as pool tables and the like from the Idle Hour pool room.

Maliniak had a butcher shop and a grocery store in one of his buildings, and his family occupied apartments on the second floor of one. They had trouble escaping and could not even save their clothing. At first when the conflagration was reported, they fled to the basement, but were soon driven out into the cold, blankets furnishing the only clothing they had in addition to their night clothing. They were cared for by friends. Fritz Menefee and Homer Peistel who roomed over the pool room had trouble getting out, and could not save much of their personal belongings. The fire is one of the worst that Monessen has experienced in years.

P. H. C. JUVENILE MINSTRELS FRIDAY

Everybody is invited to the free Juvenile Minstrel show at the P. H. C. hall tomorrow night, Feb. 6. 174-tf

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STATE NON-PARTISAN.

So far as having any partisan political bearing is concerned, the coming election of officials in Pennsylvania could with propriety be placed on a non-partisan basis. The administration of the state from governor down and including the legislature will have no direct influence or bearing on the national administration in a political way. The only officials that the voters will nominate and elect who will represent party principles is United States senator and congressman. There are to be no party conventions held in the future. The state officials and administration will be as impotent in party politics as a "mooley" in a bull fight.

With this condition it ought to be an easy matter to select legislators who will serve the people. Heretofore they have been mainly slated and elected for their support of this or that United States senator, on whose election the control of the legislature depended. Now the United States senator does not need the support of a legislature or even the control of state patronage for that matter, to secure his election. He must come directly before the people, on the issues of his party, and the support of the individual voter is as important as that of a member of the legislature is said to be.

Neither the governor, the other state officials nor the legislators have any direct bearing or influence on national policies or party politics. Their sole mission now is to serve the people, and it is up to the latter to see that this service is not given to special or private interests instead of the ones they are chosen to represent.

BIG HOLDINGS.

A newspaper dispatch dated Washington says that additional proof that Josiah V. Thompson, of Uniontown the coal king of Western Pennsylvania is found in a compilation of figures of coal acerage in Greene county where Thompson has been heavily interested for years. There are eighteen townships in Greene county, with 40,000 acres of coal.

Thompson owns coal land in seventeen townships and his holdings total 20,000 acres, probably the biggest holdings of a single individual in the world. All this is virgin coal, Thompson having no part in any development. Its value as it stands now is $5,000,000. It is estimated that an acre of coal is worth $10,000 when placed on the market. That would make the value of Thompson's holdings worth $1,200,000,000 put in the market ready for sale.

This wealth, if developed, marketed and sold, would easily put J. V. Thompson at the head of the class of fabulously rich men of the world. No single individual in ancient or modern times was ever possessed of such enormous wealth as a billion and a quarter of dollars. As a matter of fact all this coal will never be mined and marketed in a single lifetime. Perhaps one hundred years hence will see much of it still unmined. Mr. Thompson's achievement, however, in acquiring his millions is really more remarkable and more to his credit than that of Morgan or Rockefeller, as he secured his accumulations unaided and alone in a comparatively backwoods community.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

The young woman who lost her shirt while performing at Fayette City probably was at a loss to know just the reason for the increased attendance at the next night's show.

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A good hearted cuss says the people have nothing to do with certain business affairs of the nation. That is the very reason why people are so lugubriously kicking.

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Teaching school children a fire drill might not be hard but experimenting with a moving picture show audience sounds dangerous.

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Captain Jack used to write letters to French and Indians who crowded dangerously close to the Fort Pitt stockade, and now Captain Jack is writing poems to Billy Sunday, at Pittsburg. Not the same Captain Jack, however.

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Fish may be good brain food, but as food for thought fish isn't in it with politics.

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Some men seem so precise and methodical as to convince one they operate always according to extensive by-laws and constitution

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Butch McDevitt, the Wilkes-Barre millionaire for-a-day, announces that when a boy he was no ordinary child. Even yet he is not that.

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Now that Rockefeller stands in line to be embarrassed by the fact that he must pay $12,000,000 in taxes, he can cheerfully consider how much better off he would have been if he had taken Carnegie's advice and tried to die a poor man.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

"I notice by the newspapers that Rev. Charles Aked, the gifted Congregationalist divine of San Francisco, has preached a sermon virtually denying the divinity of Christ," said a Charleroi woman yesterday. "Dr. Aked, you know, was brought over from England through the offices of John D. Rockefeller to be the pastor of the First Baptist church of New York city, but tiring of the millionaire class he accepted a call as pastor of a San Francisco Congregationalist church. He heard him at Chautauqua a couple of years ago, where he conducted the devotional exercises and lectured for a week. He is most gifted preacher, and possesses an independent nature that would naturally lead him to change his views in any manner that pleased him.

"I was amused over a remark he made on the platform at Chautauqua. He was talking about the usual weekly evening prayer meeting which every church holds. These, Dr. Aked said, were proverbially dull and stupid.

"'We had some friends from England visiting us, in New York', he said, 'and the next evening after their arrival my wife asked what she should do to entertain them. 'Shall I take them to prayer meeting with us tonight?' she asked.

"'To prayer meeting?' I said, 'No, indeed. That is too dull. Take them to the theatre.'

"This shocked many of the good people at Chautauqua, but it reflected the independence of the great divine, and I am not at all surprised to hear that he has made some radical changes in his theological point of view."

A bunch of Charleroi young men went down to Pittsburg the other night to hear Billy Sunday. When they arrived at the Bellefield tabernacle they found the structure crowded. A big delegation was just marching in, however, and meeting a friend at the door the latter advised the Charleroi bunch to fall in with the delegation for whom a reservation had been made, when they would be assured of a seat. The Charleroi boys immediately flanked in, and marching along with the delegation were escorted to good seats. After they were seated one of them said:

"Now I wonder where this delegation is from?"

"Look at their banner," said another who had just then discovered that the delegation was duly labeled, and craning their necks upward, they read this inscription:

"County Jail!"

It was a delgation of county jail officials and attendants.

MEMBERS OF E NCAMPMENT VISIT AT FAYETTE CITY

Members of Caligren Encampment, No. 254 visited in Fayette City Wednesday night at the meeting of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows' lodge Pleasing entertainment was furnished by Fayette City lodge No. 511.

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A Medical View of Bathing.

Whether or not we believe that cold baths have virtues which hot baths can never possess, it is far better to preach the most advanced gospel of cleanliness than none at all. The person who bathes frequently is a cleaner person both physically and mentally than he who does not, and if our desire is today to bring about a higher morale among the people at large let us not cavil at a soap because forsooth it may be a little too strong in alkali or at large quantities of water, even though applied to the body oftener than once a day. For let no one think for a moment that human nature is so smitten with the idea to keep clean that it will ever have a maddening desire to use too much soap or water.—Dr. Philip Skrainka in Interstate Medical Journal.

The Victoria Cross.

England's prized Victoria Cross is only won under circumstances of the deadliest peril to its owner. The cross itself is of bronze, cast from cannon taken at Sebastopol inscribed with the words, "For Valour." It is the proudest decoration a British subject can wear. The Duke of Newcastle secretary of state for war in 1854-5, is credited with having originated the idea of the cross after the Alma, being anxious to institute an English order which all ranks might win and be proud to wear, like the French Legion of Honor. The cross confers on all below commissioned rank an annuity of $50.

Why He Didn't Sleep.

Doctor (to patient, a golfer, suffering from insomnia)—Well and how did you sleep last night? Did you follow my instructions and recall all the strokes of your last round? Patient—Yes Doctor—And then you fell asleep? Patient—No: then it was time to get up.

The Mother's Love.

One lamp, thy mother's love, amid the stars shall lift its pure flame changeless, and before the throne of God burn through eternity, holy, as it was lit and lent thee here.—Willis.

Vicious.

Molly—So you are really engaged at last? I'm awfully glad to hear it, dear. Angeline—Yes, I was sure you would be; you may have a chance now.

Truth may work mightily, though in the hand of the feeblest instrument.—Schiller.

Wise Eskimos.

Everything in the Eskimo dress has a reason for its existence, writes Captain Roald Amundsen in "The Northwest Passage." The members of Captain Amundsen's expeditions had become accustomed to the Eskimo dress and had adopted it, but many of them thought it ridiculous for grownup men to care about wearing fringe to their clothes, so they cut it off. I had my scruples about this, says the author, as I had already learned that most things in the Eskimo's clothing and other arrangements had their distinct meaning and purpose, so I kept my fringe and got up with the ridicule. He laughs best who laughs last. One day the anoraks, a sort of outer garment of reindeer skin, from which the fringes had been cut off, happened to catch fire, and if the fringe had not been on some parts they would soon have been useless.

For Left Handed Persons.

Enterprising manufacturers make various articles for the special benefit of left handed people. Besides scissors adjusted for their use, you can buy left handed screws, gimlets and other tools. Most thoughtful of all contrivances, to minister to their physical peculiarity corkscrews twisted the wrong way, as a right handed person would think, for left handed butlers and waiters.—Exchange.

Simplified.

"Young Brooks is relieved of one trouble, anyhow."

"What's that?"

"He won't have to lie about his salary to the girl he's going to marry. He works for her father."—Chicago Record-Herald.

HE DIDN'T LIKE DRIPPING.

And No Wonder, After He Had Read About Its Strength.

What is dripping?

Everybody knows that dripping is supposed to be the juices, the savory essences, that fall from roasting meats.

That is the supposition. But what really is dripping, the dripping that the poor of England buy by the pound and smear upon their bread in lieu of butter?

The question perhaps will never be answered, but a partial solution is given to it by the fact that a London poorhouse recently bought at $7 a ton thirty-two tons of dripping from a soap works.

Alfred Noyes used to tell a dripping story.

"A little boy," he would begin, "complained bitterly about the bread and dripping that formed his daily breakfast.

"'It'll kill me,' he whined at last. 'I know it'll kill me.'

"'Kill you? What do you mean?'

"'Why, I've been feeling pretty bad lately, and now I know it's all this dripping what's the cause of the trouble. I read it in a book.

"'Some pure food rubbish, I dare say! And what, precisely, did you read in this vile book, silly?'

"'I read,' whined the urchin, 'that constant dripping wears away a stone.'"—Exchange.

HUMOR OF A CANNIBAL.

He Enjoyed It Himself, but It Didn't Tickle the Victim.

A number of natives came to greet us when we landed at Bau, a Fiji island, among them a few whom the consul seemed to know. They volunteered to act as escorts for us and by various expressions tried to convey the idea that they were glad to see us.

A school forms one side of the square. Across from this stands the council chamber, built on the trench where the bodies were roasted for their former feasts. The old headstone against which Cacobau used to dash the brains of his victims still stands, and the anchor and rudder of a French ship wrecked near Bau lie beside it.

Beneath a picture of Queen Victoria I saw an old sword swinging. I examined it and found it was a French weapon, no doubt the arm of the unfortunate French vessel's commander.

During the time this was going on Jim, Ratu Kadavu's servant, who is a particularly good type of a large, muscular race, approached me, ran his hand around my waist and slowly down my thigh and smacked his lips with a wicked smile. I laughed at this display of aboriginal humor, but not very heartily, for the sword of the French captain still swung before my eyes.—Christian Herald.

Time For the Actor to Stop.

On the subject of playing the same part over an indefinite number of times David Warfield says:

"There is no such thing as playing a part too long. The mellowing process should never cease, but if it does, if spontaneity fails, if the actor feels that he is becoming at all mechanical in the part, he should abandon it at once—for his own salvation.

"The surest danger signal is half hearted applause. From this the actor knows that he has lost an essential quality of the character, and the tragedy of it is he cannot tell what that quality is or how he lost it. An actor may tell a joke a thousand times and provoke laughter, but suddenly it falls of response. That's the time for him to stop."—American Magazine.

A Cure For Mosquitoes.

The people of London have learned of an agreeable way to keep their houses free from flies and mosquitoes. They burn sandalwood, which has a pleasing odor, but one that the summer pests much dislike. The idea comes from the orient, where it has long been practiced.

The sandalwood can be bought at almost any Turkish or Japanese importing house. You prepare it for burning by cutting it into pieces about half an inch thick and three inches long and then bake or dry it in a slow oven for twenty-four hours. You light a piece of the wood and put it in a metal urn or saucer. After it has ignited well blow out the flame and leave the red ember to smolder until the wood is wholly consumed.

Father's Ultimatum.

The father of a large family of children was trying hard to read the evening paper.

"What's that terrible racket in the hall, Martha?"

"One of the children just fell downstairs."

"Well," he replied, turning over another page of the paper, "you tell the children if they can't fall downstairs quietly they'll have to stop it."—Lippincott's.

Showing Him How.

"You young scoundrel!" said the father, seizing his disobedient son by the hand. "I'll show you how to treat your mother!"

And he gave him several bangs on the ears and then shook him until his hair began to fall out.

Her Little Slip.

Departing Guest—We've had a simply delightful time! Hostess—I'm so glad! At the same time I regret that the storm kept all our best people away.—Brooklyn Life.

Ever Present Help.

"They say that a woman's tears come to her aid at any moment."

"Yes. Her tears are volunteers, so to speak."—Boston Transcript.

SURGEON TO A TIGER.

An Exciting Operation That Was Repaid by Gratitude.

When one of the tigers in the zoological gardens in Dublin was treated for gangrene in its paw, Rev. Samuel Haughton, M. D. undertook to perform the dangerous experiment of operating on the animal.

The brute of the tiger was first secured in a side den. A net devised by Professor Haughton was thrown over the tiger, and he was drawn forward to the door of the cage. Four stout keepers then held the feet of the struggling animal, while Professor Haughton cut away the diseased claw.

The suffering beast furiously but vainly tried to get at him during the operation, but the rage of the tigress looking on through the bars of the side den was much more terrible to behold. She roared and violently flung herself against the barriers in her mad desire to go to the rescue of her mate.

When the tigress was admitted to the cage after the wound of her mate had been dressed she turned up the paw and examined it with touching solicitude and then licked her mate as a cat licks her kittens to soothe them, purring softly the while.

But perhaps the most extraordinary part of the affair was the sequel. A week later Professor Haughton was again at the zoo to see how his patient was getting on. When the animal espied him he began to purr like a cat, allowed him to examine the paw and seemed pleased that he should do so. Indeed, for years afterward the tiger and tigress showed themselves most friendly and grateful to Professor Haughton.—Westminster Gazette.

GRAVE OF EDNA LYALL.

Picturesque Spot Where the Noted Author Lies at Rest.

Few people perhaps know anything about the picturesque English village of Bosbury, lying almost beneath the shadow of the lengthy rampart of hills which divides the valley of the Severn from undulating, orchard clad Herefordshire. It was to this garden of England, a veritable glory of apple blossom in the springtime that Edna Lyall delighted to go for a few weeks in each year of her short life, and it was Bosbury churchyard that she chose for her last resting place.

Her grave beneath the shadow of an old churchyard cross is a very simple one—merely a plot of grass bordered by her favorite rose trees. Upon it stands a small Iona cross with the inscription:

ADA ELLEN BAYLY
(Edna Lyall)
February 8th, 1903
"My trust is in the tender
mercy of God for ever and ever."

"Won by Waiting" was Edna Lyall's first book. "The Autobiography of a Slander" reached its twenty-fourth thousandth edition soon after publication and was translated into several languages.—Great Thoughts.

Raphael.

At the age of twenty-one Raphael had done work that had well surpassed his master who was then a man of fifty-eight.

By the time he was twenty-five Raphael's fame had so spread that Pope Julius II. summoned him to Rome to decorate certain chambers in the papal palace. From this time to his death, a period of twelve years, he remained the greater part of the time in Rome. Though most famous as a painter, he was sufficiently great in architecture also to be appointed at the age of thirty to succeed Bramante as the architect of the new St. Peter's. But his greatest commission remained still, that of decorating the walls of the Vatican. The remaining years of his life were crowded with an amazing amount of work—numbers of large and smaller paintings and numerous frescoes.—Woman's Home Companion.

Used to Her Yells.

The story of the lad who cried "Wolf!" to fool his neighbors had a modern version the other night in an uptown apartment house. Miss H. began taking music lessons. Everybody heard her and got more or less used to it. But the other night Miss H. started to yell—as usual, every one thought—and the neighbors went right on trying to pay no attention to it. As a matter of fact, Miss H. had found a burglar in her apartment, and he got away with Miss H.'s jewels just because every one did go right on paying no attention to her.—New York Tribune.

Hard Luck.

"I always have tough luck."

"What's the matter?"

"I paid Brown $5 that I borrowed from him several weeks ago."

"Where's the tough luck?"

"He said afterward that he'd forgotten all about it!"—Detroit Free Press.

Often the Case.

"It was a fair fight, wasn't it?"

"Sure it was. The under dog got whipped."

"Call that a fair fight?"

"Wait, now, let me explain. The under dog provoked it."—St. Louis Republic.

Cheerful Postscript.

Jones—The Browns have bought a car. Wife—Can't you say something cheerful once in awhile? Jones—The dumbest machine I ever saw, and second hand at that!—Chicago News.

What ripens fast does not last.—Shakespeare.

PENSION MONEY FOR MOTHERS IS ASKED IN COUNTY

Mrs. J. A. McIlvaine representing the Juvenile court; Mrs. George W. Reed, representing the Children's Aid society and Miss C. C. Thompson, representing the Board of Relief, called on the commissioners Wednesday relative to an appropriation for the mother's pension fund. It is necessary, under this new law, to secure an appropriation for the county before a like amount can be obtained from the state.

The law provides that where such a fund is available in a county, that it shall be under the management of a board of trustees. The ladies suggested to the commissioners seven ladies of the county, who they believe would be suitable for trustees. These are appointed by the governor. The commissioners said they would take the matter under consideration and report later. The board believes the pension fund is a good thing, but it is a question of how much the county can afford to appropriate.

The women suggested as suitable to look after such a fund, are Mrs. Charles Crawford and Mrs. Zula E. McCutcheon, Washington; Mrs. Frank Fish, Claysville; Mrs. Theodore Byers, Monongahela; Miss Minnie Richardson, Charleroi; Miss Sue Johns, McDonald and Miss Nettie Dickson, Canonsburg.

Deeds Recorded.

William E. McLaughlin of North Charleroi, to Charles S. VanVoorhis Charleroi, parcel of land in Carroll township, in Union Improvement Co. plan on Meldon avenue, 21.71x100 feet; consideration $550.

James P. Ogden, of Lock No. 4, to Andrew A. Neel, of Donora, lot in the Lock No. 4 extension plan; consideration $1 and other valuable consideration.

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HUMAN BROTHERHOOD.

When Disaster Came All Were Kin and Equality Reigned.

Friends who went through the horrors of the San Francisco earthquake in 1906 and kept their spiritual senses alert tell me that its most poignant experience was not one of horror or of pity, but of the almost miraculous attainment of human brotherhood.

"Just after the disaster, when rich and poor waited in line together for their allowance of bread and milk, I saw, says a friend, 'a fine woman from the St. Francis hotel lying asleep on a doorstep with her head on a mat. A long sable coat was thrown over her, and under one corner of it a young Japanese boy, a perfect stranger to her, was curled up asleep. * * *

"Everybody was everybody's friend, and, though we were all dog tired, there was not a word of complaint or ill nature. To bivouac together in the park and care for each other's babies around fires of driftwood gathered on the beach transformed men and women into defenseless children of the earth, revealed each to each by their innate lovableness.

"Common danger and mutual helpfulness, common misfortune, common work, common confrontation with the elemental, brought a swift achievement of almost ideal brotherhood. A crushing blow made all the world for a time kin."—Atlantic Monthly.

TAKING A PHOTOGRAPH.

So Easy Nowadays That It Positively Peeved the Old Timer.

"I'm in an organization where the members are expected to furnish the secretary with photographs of themselves."

"Yes?"

"Well, I hadn't been to a photographer's for twenty years. I hated to go. I remembered the old head clamp, and the twisted spine, and the awkward hands, and the depressed chin, and the silly smile. It seemed to me worse than the dentist's. But I had to go. I walked into the photographer's big room like a Christian martyr, and the operator pointed out a chair, and I sat down, and he said 'That's all.' I asked him to repeat it. He did. Then I got out of the chair and went back to my office."

"Well?"

"Well, I don't feel right about it. It didn't seem to me worth while. I don't think the photographer treated me right. It looked to me as if he had a disagreeable job on his hands and wanted to shirk it. He should have fussed over me more. What do I know about posing? Besides, there wasn't time. 'That's all,' he said, and dipped me out of the chair. They didn't snub me that way twenty years ago, no sir!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Made the Most of His Hats.

When Lord Milner held his first reception at Pretoria the officers and legislators were given to understand that frock coats and tall hats were expected of them. There was only one shop in the place in which silk hats were sold, and this had but four of them. The Transvaal legislators rushed off in a body to buy these four, but the hatter, not being mad, saw his opportunity in their extremity. He knew there was no time to get hats from anywhere else, so he resolved not to sell. He offered to let them out on hire at the rate of 10 shillings for ten minutes. His shop was close at hand. Four gentlemen could present themselves before his excellency. After ten minutes they must silently steal away and hand over their hired finery to another panting quartet. It was done, and the hatter still repeats dreamily as he recalls the moment of his life, "It would not have been fair to have sold them, not fair to my customers and not fair to myself."—London Globe.

"The Corsican Bandit."

Only those who have traveled a good deal in Italy can realize the depth of the resentment that is still felt there at the losses the country suffered through the "Corsican Bandit," as Napoleon has been dubbed. The Italians have a saying about the French, "Are the French thieves?" "No, but bona parte (a good part of them) are." And when a visitor goes to one city after another, sees one building after another that was robbed of its chief treasures by Napoleon, he begins to understand this savage sentiment. It is even stronger in Malta, which island was virtually swept clean of its splendors of medieval and renaissance art by the conqueror. The Maltese loot is all somewhere at the bottom of Alexandria bay, the ship on which Napoleon loaded it having foundered there.

Wat Tyler's Rebellion.

Attempts to fix by statute the wages of agricultural laborers in England were largely responsible for the great revolt of 1381, or "Wat Tyler's rebellion." It represented the despairing effort of landowners to get back to the level of wages before the black death came to make labor dear. But the lord of the manor overshot the mark. He wanted the day wage kept down to 4 cents to 6 cents a day. Had he put 6 cents to 8 cents in the schedule there might have been no rebellion.

Badly Expressed.

Mother-in-law—It is so kind of you, Joseph, to take the trouble to drive me home! Son-in-law—Don't mention it! It's no trouble at all. On the contrary, it is the most delightful drive I have had for some time!—London Telegraph.

The wise prove and the foolish confess by their conduct that a life of employment is the only life worth leading.—William Paley.

A Tragedy of Errors.

Scene 1. Early morning in young woman's bondoir. The young woman is inspecting an expensive white suit.

"This suit needs cleaning. I'll just call up the cleaners and have them call for it." Places bundle by the door.

Scene 2. Same morning in relative's room in same house. Relative is inspecting a white and black suit.

"I believe I'll have this suit dyed black." She calls a cleaning establishment operated by a man whose last name is the same as the name of the man who keep the shop where the young woman intends to send her suit.

Scene 3. Wagon stops in front of house and driver rings doorbell.

"Package for ——?" he asks, and the maid, seeing the bundle left near the door by the young woman, hands the driver the package. The package goes to the establishment, which has orders to dye a suit black.

Scene 4.—The white suit is dyed and the package is returned.

Scene 5. —— —— —— ——

—Indianapolis News.

Scotch Sabbath Morality.

Even in Scotland up to the middle of the eighteenth century Sabbath morality was geographical. Sabbath, according to a contemporary writer, never "got aboon the pass o' Killiecrankie." For generations after the reformation the highlander on Sunday drove his cattle to market, brought home his fuel, baked his bread, fished, played shinty and put the stone. Sunday christenings and penny weddings were common, and the presbytery books merely sent warnings against piping, fiddling and dancing at them.

But in the lowlands the church took a sterner view. The assembly forbade shippers and sailors to begin any voyage on the Lord's day or to "loose any ships, barks or boats." Aberdonians were fined if they failed to attend worship, the good man and good wife of the house contravening paid 6s. 8d. and "ilk servant 2s. Scots," a sore burden to be borne in the seventeenth century. The record of absentees is scanty.—London Chronicle.

The Poetic Tennysons.

No other family has within two generations produced so many poets as the Tennysons. All the laureate's brothers wrote poems and both his sons published verses in Macmillan's Magazine, though they did so anonymously. "It is a curious fact," wrote Alexander Japp in 1902, "that the Tennyson family, every male member of which wrote verse, and successfully, should have so far abstained from publishing openly or publishing at all, as if they disliked the idea of coming into competition with the great poet. Specimens of the work of Lionel and Hallam Tennyson will be found in 'Poets and Poetry of the Century,' and I may add that these pieces were sent to me by the old poet himself in a letter now before me, with such words as most certainly show that he did not share the feeling of Scott—thanking God that his sons showed no poetic symptoms."

A Model Child.

George III. was such a thrifty king that we cannot doubt that he hugged the little chap, of whom Thackeray tells this delightful story, and longed to knight him on the spot.

One day, when the king and queen were walking together, probably at Kew, they met a little boy—they were always fond of children, the good folks—and patted the little towhead.

"Whose little boy are you?" asked the king.

"I am the king's beef eater's little boy," replied the child.

On which the king said, "Then kneel down and kiss the queen's hand."

But the innocent offspring of the beef eater declined this treat.

"No," said he; "I won't kneel, for if I do I shall spoil my new breeches."—Youth's Companion.

Didn't Miss a Dose.

Old lady looking contentedly out of window in railroad train. Interest of passengers excited by ringing of what sounds like an electric bell. Old lady calmly opens up grip and shuts off an alarm clock which had begun to ring. Takes bottle of medicine from pocket and drinks spoonful. Readjusts clock, closes grip and again looks out of window, remarking casually to her neighbor: "Best little reminder that I know of. I have to take my medicine every two hours, so I carry that alarm clock with me, the alarm set so that it will ring when medicine time comes around."—New York Tribune.

Conversational Inadvertence.

"Before we were married you told me I was as pretty as a picture."

"And so you were, Henrietta," replied Mr. Meekton. "But they have been getting out a lot of handsome postcards since then."—Washington Star.

Railway Collisions.

It is a curious fact that in railway collisions nearly all the passengers who are asleep escape the bad effect of shaking and concussion. Nature's own anaesthetic preserving them.

Persian Stamps.

The stamps of Persia show the lion and the sun—the lion as a symbol of power and the sun as an emblem of the ancient fire worship of the Persians.

Good Hard Tip.

"Was it a genuine tip Rawson gave you on the stock market?"

"I guess it was; it made me lose my balance."—Boston Transcript.

Do not give way to fretfulness. It takes the fragrance out of life.

Fallibility of the Eyewitness.

When Professor F. C. Mc[illegible], in the psychological department of the University of Kansas, got into a altercation one day with the janitor, he entered the classroom and insisted on sweeping while Dockery was lecturing. A number of students rushed to his rescue. The janitor then was free for all fist dueling with the janitor, who had drawn a revolver, was overpowered and disarmed. As a burly student grasped the pistol a shot was fired. As soon as order was somewhat restored the right-and-left seeing students reassembled and accounts were taken from them of the affair. All the students swore they had heard the shot, and several told of seeing the smoke from the revolver. Then Professor Dockery told them it was an experiment a fight had been planned carefully, and the shot of the revolver was from the outside of the building by a student posted there. The purpose of the experiment was to show the unreliability of information, even when furnished by an eyewitness.

One of the Family.

Boarding round, as the old time district school teacher did, was not always an unmixed joy, but occasionally, writes Sophie E. Eastman in her book, "In Old South Hadley," teachers were able to administer needed discipline by reason of their intimate knowledge of the family life of their pupils.

There were some teachers who did not need the usual injunction to "make yerself to hum." Miss Mary N. one day called to her desk a boy with whose widowed mother she was then boarding. She gave him what she called "a good ferruling," although he had no idea for what offense he was being punished.

"There," she said when she had finished, "now we'll see whether you will make up faces at your mother the next time she tells you that you are to have hasty pudding and milk for breakfast!"

Pasteur's Modesty.

In 1882, when the international congress of medicine first met in London, Pasteur was the most distinguished of the foreign delegates present. With his usual anxiety to avoid publicity, he came over accompanied only by his son and son-in-law and took rooms in Clarges street. For ten days before his arrival invitations were addressed to the famous Frenchman at the bureau of the congress, but no one called for these, and he was not seen till he entered St. James' hall to attend the opening meeting. One of the stewards was leading him to the place reserved for him on the platform when he was recognized and immediately cheers rang through the hall. Quite unconscious that these were meant for him he said apologetically, "No doubt the Prince of Wales is arriving. I ought to have come sooner."

Bargain Hunting.

An amusing story is told in connection with the early days of Sir J. B. Robinson, the South African millionaire. He was crossing the Vaal river in 1869, looking for diamonds. He asked the natives if they had seen any "pretty stones," and at last he found a man who had a diamond. It was a small stone, and the prospector offered him £10 for it, but he refused to part with it. He increased his offer to £12, but still the man refused.

"What will you take for it?" he was asked.

"Twenty goats," was the dim reply, "nothing less."

"I sent off to the nearest farm," says Sir J. B. Robinson in telling the story, "and bought twenty goats for £7 10s, and so got possession of my first diamond."—London Globe.

Well Posted.

The old man who acts as postmaster in a small southern town likewise keeps a general merchant's shop. He is often accused of reading the post cards that pass through his hands, but this he strongly denies. A lady called at the shop and ordered among other goods a ham and a cheese. Two days later the lady called again and asked why these two articles had not been sent with the other goods. "Oh," replied the merchant calmly, "I saw by the postcard yo' got yestiday thet yo' friends wasn't comin', so I nachelly thought yo' wouldn't need them things."—Argonaut.

Difficult State of Mind.

"We're all fretted up," remarked Three Fingered Sam. "since Bronco Bob got engaged to the schoolma'am."

"I should think a tender sentiment would improve his disposition."

"His disposition is improved, but it's uncertain. If you don't brag about what a purty gal the schoolma'am is he feels disappointed, and if you brag too much he gets jealous."—Spokane Spokesman-Review.

Giving Him Room.

"The orchestra is too crowded."

"They will have to sit tight."

"But the trombone player hasn't room to work his slide."

"I can't give him any more room laterally. I'll cut a hole in the floor if he likes."—Kansas City Journal.

Felt Like It.

"Did you come back on an all steel train?"

"When the waiters and porters finished plucking me I felt sure that it was."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Blissful Ignorance.

He—They say he has more money than he knows what to do with. She—Ah, such ignorance must be bliss!—Boston Transcript.

Never despair, but if you do, work on in despair.—Burke.

RIGHT UNDER OLD SOL.

They Were In Blazing Sunlight, Yet Cast No Shadows.

Every one knows that when a person stands in the full sunshine his body casts a shadow which will be either short or long, according as the sun is high in the heavens or near the horizon at sunrise or sunset. A little thought will bring it home to the reader that, obviously, if the sun is exactly vertical over a person's head, there can be no shadow.

But the problem is to determine when and where this shall be the state of things. As regards the "where," that must evidently be at some place on the earth in the tropics, and the "when" must be the hour of midday. To get these two things to concur by prearrangement is a matter of no small difficulty.

But as a matter of fact they did concur on a day in February, 1913—namely, the 13th, when a scientist, W. B. Gibbs, was in mideocean in latitude 15 degrees south, the sun's declination being also about 15 degrees south.

A photo, reproduced in the London Strand, represents Gibbs and another man standing bolt upright on the deck facing one another, and clearly shows the absence of any sign of a lateral shadow—in other words, it proves that the ship was in such a latitude that the sun was vertically overhead and that the time was noon, when the sun was at its highest altitude as between east and west.—Exchange.

SAVE YOUR APPENDIX.

This Mysterious Organ May Prove to Be a Valuable Gland.

The appendix is not a useless organ undergoing degeneration, as has been hitherto supposed, but is a valuable gland, and persons should think twice before having it removed. This is a part of a report presented to the French Academy of Sciences by Dr. Perrier.

Another well known French scientist, the late Dr. Lucas-Championnere, warned the medical world some years ago that the appendix probably was undeserving of present day contempt, yet he was unable to establish the possible function of this small and mysterious organ.

Dr. Perrier's report is based upon studies made by Dr. Robinson. The latter collected the mucous secretions from a large number of appendixes removed at the hospitals and prepared a serum which, on being injected into animals was found to stimulate the contractile movements of the intestines. Dr. Robinson, therefore, was convinced that the appendix cannot be cut out without seriously interfering with intestinal action although he recognizes the necessity of operating when the gland is gangrenous or otherwise diseased.—Paris Cor. New York Sun.

Making a Present.

Lady Jersey was in her time one of the leaders of fashion, and her house was the resort of politicians and others. With her lived her daughter, Lady Clementine Villiers, a handsome and clever girl. The custom had been established that all friends should give the latter a present on her birthday, and these presents were set out in an antechamber. Among these friends was Lord Brougham, then an old man. He called on a birthday, but had forgotten what the occasion was, and had brought no present. Seeing a mass of presents laid out, he seized one of them and took it in as his present, rightly counting that the young lady would not remember that it was one that already had been given to her. And very proud he was of his presence of mind. But, then, he was an ex-lord chancellor.—London Truth.

"Occult" Information.

A. Henry Savage Landor may deny on geological grounds the existence of any "lost Atlantis," but there are among the theosophical and other occult fraternities people who will cheerfully draw you a map of the vanished land and give you a description of its people, their manners and customs. The information is obtained by various mystical methods—"revelations," clairvoyance, etc. Some years ago it was discovered by similar "occult" means that at the north pole itself the temperature was so mild that a "green island" existed there—a kind of arctic arcady. It was all very interesting until Peary, the explorer, came on the scene and—but cold fact is always so unromantic!—London Chronicle.

Conscientious About It.

"Mr. Glizzard," asked the caller, "are you carrying all the life insurance you can afford?"

"No," answered the man at the desk; "I can afford more, and I had expected to take out more, but from a note I got from my employer this morning I have begun to suspect that I'm carrying a good deal more than I am worth."—Chicago Tribune.

Fashion Note.

"So you've decided not to get that new gown that you had ordered from your dressmaker?"

"Yes; she's so busy that she couldn't have it done for at least three weeks, and by that time it would be out of style."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Family Affair.

She—Are they happy together? He—Well, he stays in every evening. She—Then they must be. He—But she goes out.—Judge.

Fortune displays our virtues and our vices as light makes all objects apparent.—La Rochefoucauld.

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SOCIETY AND PERSONAL

Misses Hallie Risbeck and Elizabeth Steinbaugh went to Pittsburg today to attend the Billy Sunday meeting.

Mrs. George Thompson of Fallowfield avenue spent Wednesday with friends and relatives at Roscoe.

Mrs. Thomas McDermott and daughter Miss Celia visited friends and relatives at Swissvale Thursday.

Mrs. Charles Bromwich, Jr., was a Pittsburg visitor Thursday.

DAMAGE IS DONE BY FIRE

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been in his vacant restaurant building since last Saturday. The blaze started in the basement of this structure and the authorities are inclined to the belief that it was of incendiary origin. They expect to make a strict investigation.

The fire had gained such headway when discovered that its progress could not be checked with the fire fighting apparatus at hand. The volunteer company responded quickly and was given lots of aid by several hundred residents who turned out. Practically the entire town was drawn to the scene of the fire the flames being discernible for a long distance.

The three buildings consumed stood close together on Main street and all three were quickly a mass of fire and flame. The volunteer company turned its attention then to adjoining buildings its success being indicated by the saving of all but the three which stood together.

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DROP IN!

CAUSE OF YOUNG MAN'S DEATH IS ASCERTAINED

A fracture of the skull and a bullet hole in the heart revealed by an autopsy Wednesday set aside all doubt as to what caused the death of Robert E. Mercer, aged 27, of Pittsburg, whose body was dug from a shallow grave in the basement of the Cleveland city hall under construction.

Mercer had been missing since December 21. Police searched for him for a couple of weeks, but could get no clew. He was employed as a timekeeper in the new City Hall. His mother and his fiancee, Miss Alma McMullan of Pittsburg, went to Cleveland and urged the police to further efforts.

At the time Mercer disappeared he had $100 cash, a present from his mother and wore two diamonds valued at $1000. When the body was found the jewelry was intact, but only one cent of the money was left.

It is believed that Mercer was beaten and robbed and then buried in the basement.

The mother of young Mercer is a cousin of Mrs. L. W. Walters of Meadow avenue.

LOCAL EXCURSION ATTRACTS ABOUT 200 LOCAL PEOPLE

Approximately 200 persons, or enough to fill three large special Pitsburg-Charleroi cars left at noon today on a trip to Pittsburg to visit the plant of the H. J. Heinz company and tonight to attend the Billy Sunday meeting. L. C. Weet, the local representative of the Heinz company arranged the trip and those going from Charleroi are from practically all of the churches.

This afternoon with a special guide the party will be taken through the Heinz plant, and there the party will be treated to lunch. Then in the evening the party will be transported to the Bellefield tabernacle. A special section of seats will be reserved, the Heinz people having attended to this detail.

SURPRISE IS GIVEN FOR RUSSELL HORMELL

A surprise party was given for Russell Hormell at his home at 833 Meadow avenue Wednesday evening when a number of friends as they expressed it "simply dropped in" to spend the evening. The house was nicely decorated with heart-shaped effects. Music was a feature of the evening's entertainment.

Announcement.

The Ladies of the Washington avenue church will hold their annual Washington's Birthday dinner and supper in the basement of the church, Saturday February 21. 174-t1

REPORTS SHOW CONDITION OF LOCAL ESTATE

In the matter of the receivership of the Theo. J. Allen estate of Charleroi, the report of the auditor has been filed. The amount for distribution by the auditor, in the account of the Charleroi Savings & Trust company, receiver was $9,727.57. The only personal property remaining after the first account of the receiver and audit of the same, to be disposed of was 20 shares of stock of the Allen Lumber company and the furniture and equipment of the Charleroi-Monessen hospital. The lumber stock was sold upon an attachment execution issued by the receiver and the furniture and equipment of the hospital, which had been formally purchased by the receiver to protect the estate of the insolvent, was sold.

The only real property to be sold after the first account and audit was a parcel of land in North Charleroi, containing 1.97 acres, known as the "Allenwood Greenhouse." From this real property the receiver received after sheriff's costs, tax liens, etc., had been paid, $9,335.95.

The amount of money with which the receiver charges himself and which comes into his hands as appears in his second and partial account was the sum of $11,136.56, of which sum $952.01 was derived from the sale of the personal property, said amount also including the sum of $7.58 interest realized in the sale of the lumber stock. All the money which came into the hands of the receiver from the real estate was $10,184.55. The expense of the receivership was $1,407.99. The costs of the audit were $395.85, which gives an aggregate expense of $1,803.84.

The aggregate indebtedness of Theo. J. Allen, as ascertained by the auditor was $55,309.66. The amount of the proceeds of the personal property was $794.21, which pays a dividend of .01435 per cent.

MINERS TO ASK FOR FLAT RAISE OF FIVE PER CENT

Final adjournment of the 24th convention of the United Mine Workers of America which has been in session at Indianapolis since January 20 was taken. St Louis by a small vote over Kansas City was chosen as the place for the convention in 1916.

A flat increase of five cents a ton on a mine run basis a 10 per cent increase on all dead work, yardage and day labor and a half holiday on Saturdays were the principal recommendations submitted to the convention by the scale committee.

The report is the basis for work of the joint conference of miners and operators of the central competitive field, which meets in Philadelphia next Tuesday. This field includes Illinois, Ohio, Indiana and Western Pennsylvania. The report of the committee:

"That all coal be weighed before screened and paid for on a mine run basis.

"That we demand a flat five cents per ton increase at the basing point.

"A 10 per cent increase on all dead work, yardage and day labor.

"A uniform work day and wage scale for all classes of outside and inside labor.

"A proper readjustment of the machine differential at the basing point.

"That we demand that all local inequalities and internal differences be referred to the various districts affected for settlement.

"That we demand a complete check-off for the miners' organization through the company's office.

"We demand that where the price or regulation of powder is made a contract provision that union made powder shall be furnished.

"That the miners work only one-half day on Saturdays.

"That the company shall pay drivers for time from taking charge of stock until they, the company, receives same.

"We demand that our contract shall be in effect for two years."

There will be no suspension of work in the mines pending the adoption of a new wage scale.

LYRIC THEATRE PROGRAM INCLUDES BIG FEATURES

The Lyric theatre program for tonight includes several features. Among them will be "The Master of the Garden," a special Selig picture in two parts, "An Indian Maid's Strategy," Kalem drama "Why I am Here," a Vitagraph comedy and "The Diversion," a Biograph drama.

BOLIVIA'S SACRED LAKE.

Over a Billion in Treasure Said to Be Sunk in Its Muddy Bed.

Legend has it that for more than 500 years the lake of Guaiviza, at an elevation of 10,000 feet in Bolivia, has not only been held sacred to the gods of the Indian tribes, but into its waters the natives, with solemn ceremony, used to cast their gold and silver ornaments, gems and other valuables as an offering to propitiate the evil spirits. It has been estimated that in this manner treasure to the amount of $1,500,000,000 found its way to the bottom of the lake.

Many attempts were made to recover the treasure. The first was by the Spaniards 250 years ago. They tried to drain off the waters of the lake, but their engineering skill was not equal to the task. When they had drawn off all but ten feet of the water they were compelled to give up their project and take to dredging instead. They did succeed in recovering a small part of the treasure in this way.

The most modern attempt was made twenty years ago by a company of Colombians and Englishmen. By digging a tunnel 1,100 feet long down the side of the mountain they succeeded in draining the lake, but then they found to their dismay, instead of a clear bottom, twenty-five feet of mud covering the treasure. In all this company spent $75,000 and recovered but $10,000 worth of gold and jewels before they, too, abandoned the search. —Argonaut.

A VERSATILE MONARCH.

Peter the Great of Russia Was a Real Jack of All Trades.

All historians agree that Peter the Great of Russia was a man of various accomplishments. After he became emperor he worked as a shipbuilder in Amsterdam. His object was to study the construction of ships that the information gained as an ordinary workman might aid him in establishing a first class navy in his own country. He also studied anatomy and seemed to delight in dissecting human bodies. He is said to have acted as executioner on several occasions, one being when, after the siege of Narva, certain soldiers disobeyed orders, whereupon he sentenced them to death and killed them himself. He was also wont to flog criminals with his own hands.

He practiced as a surgeon in his own country, where he was accustomed to perform amputations as well as to bleed persons and draw teeth. In his pockets he usually carried a case of surgical instruments. His versatility is indicated by the relics preserved in Peter's museum, St. Petersburg, where there are ship models, a chandelier and other iron articles and ivory figures all his own construction. In the same place there is at present on exhibition a wax model of the great emperor wearing a pair of shoes and a wig made by himself.—London Standard.

Willing to Oblige.

Brilliant sunshine made the garden party enjoyable. The garden really was a garden, and, though most of the guests clustered on the lawn, one or two wiser people sauntered around the rose bordered paths.

Two of these were seated in a quiet part of the garden enjoying the scent of the flowers and the solitude. They were engaged. Presently a mutual friend sauntered down the path and noticed them.

"You two seem to be enjoying yourselves over here all alone," said he.

"We are," said the girl and, being a girl, managed to look pleased to see him. "Won't you join us?"

"Sorry, I can't," answered the friend, "not being a clergyman. But I'll go and find one if you say so."—New York Mail.

Couldn't Afford to Run.

When Jacob M. Dickinson, formerly secretary of war, as a member of the Alaskan boundary tribunal was called upon suddenly to make his argument because Sir Edward Carson had concluded his remarks one day ahead of time he began by telling a story: "So far from feeling any sense of confidence," he said to the president of the court, "I am in a position very deeply to sympathize with the feeling of the Confederate soldier who, when the battle line was sweeping forward in the last fearful charge at Chickamauga and a rabbit jumped up and ran through to the rear, cried out: 'Run, cottontail! If I did not have any more character at stake than you have I would run too.'"

Remembered It.

"What," said a teacher to a boy with a slow memory, who had tried in vain to tell the name of the schoolmaster: "can't you remember your master's name?"

"N-no, sir."

"My name is Brown, blockhead!"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, now see if you can repeat it. What is my name?"

"Brown Blockhead, sir."—Exchange.

Youth and Age.

Boys leave the farm perhaps because they want to see more of the world than 100 acres, though when most men are fifty years old they'd be quite willing to trade the world for 160 acres.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Reciprocity.

Talkative Barber (about to lather)—Do you mind shutting your mouth, sir? Patient One—No; do you? — London Opinion.

Self conquest is the greatest of victories.—Plato.

HOMES OF THE SYRIANS.

Where It Is Little Trouble to "Take Up Thy Bed and Walk."

On the right as you enter the house stands a small structure of sun dried brick, called mekhdaah. It is about five feet high, six feet long and a foot deep. On the inner side it is divided into openings of different sizes and serves the cosmopolitan purpose of a china closet, kettle cupboard, a place for father's Turkish pipe (nargile) and tobacco and whatever other little articles it may be convenient for the moment to thrust into it.

The maukedah (fireplace) is at the forward end of this structure. It is such a fireplace as you would build at a picnic—square, open at the top for the kettle to set in and at one side to admit the fuel. It is built of clay mixed with straw and fine quartz. There is no chimney. The smoke floats in the house with the sufferance of public opinion. The ceiling is black and shining, as if it had been varnished. The earthen floor is painted frequently with red mud and rubbed with a smooth stone until it shines. It is furnished with straw mats, cushions and in the winter season soft and fluffy sheepskins.

There are no chairs, no bedsteads. The family sit and sleep on the floor. The bed consists of a thick cushion for a mattress, stuffed with wool or cotton, a pillow of the same material and a quilt for a cover. So when Jesus said to the man he had healed, "Arise, take up thy bed and walk," the man did not have very much to carry. In the daytime the beds are either rolled up, each one, in a heap and left on the floor next to the wall or put in a recess in the wall, constructed for the purpose.—Atlantic Monthly.

TACT OF EUGENIE.

Diplomacy of the French Empress on a Question of Dress.

A curious instance of the diplomatic methods of the ex-Empress Eugenie is worth recalling.

When Queen Victoria, Prince Albert and the princess royal were about to visit Napoleon III. and the Empress Eugenie it was feared at the French court that the young princess royal would not be dressed in a style that would harmonize with French taste. The question was how to beguile her royal parents into dressing the child in a suitable manner.

In this difficulty the empress had a really brilliant idea. The height and other measurements of the princess royal were obtained and a doll of exactly the same size procured. The doll was provided with a large and exquisitely finished trousseau, and it was then dispatched to Buckingham palace as an imperial gift to the princess.

The expected happened. Queen Victoria, enchanted with the doll's wardrobe, transferred most of the outer garments to her daughter for use during their visit to the emperor and empress. The result was that the princess appeared at her best, and everybody was pleased!—London Spectator.

Criminals of Manila.

"Criminals are practically unknown in Manila," observed an official of that city. "I mean by this that there is no criminal class in the islands, as there is in European countries and in the United States. The yeggman, the professional pickpocket and sneak thief do not exist there. Of course we have to deal with high crimes, and there are a considerable number of murders. Doubtless this is due to the mercurial temperament of the people. The Filipinos are much like the Spaniards. They are easily angered and commit murder in a moment of passion. The spirit of revenge also is pronounced among the Filipinos. I have found that most of the murders committed are traceable to that old motive—the eternal triangle. I don't recall any murders in the Philippines that were committed with guns. The weapon ordinarily used is the knife or bolo."—Washington Post.

Woman's Influence.

It is at the foot of woman we lay the laurels that without her smile would never have been gained. It is her image that strings the lyre of the poet, that animates the voice in the blaze of eloquent faction and guides the brain in the august toils of stately counsel. Whatever may be the lot of man, however unfortunate, however oppressed, if he only love and be loved, he must strike a balance in favor of existence, for love can illumine the dark roof of poverty and lighten the fetters of the slave.—Disraeli.

Ringless Weddings.

A wedding without a ring seems incongruous, but in some parts of Spain no ring is used. After the ceremony the bridegroom moves the flower in his bride's hair from left to right, for in those districts to wear a rose above your right ear is to proclaim yourself a wife.

Soothing the Bride.

"I told Maud that Jack was simply crazy to marry her, and she took offense."

"Why was that?"

"Don't know, unless it was that when I said it they had just been married."—Boston Transcript.

Whips at Weddings.

At Swedish weddings among the middle and lower classes the bridegroom carries a whip. This is an emblem of his authority in the domestic circle.

If people censure you unjustly try to feel as charitable toward them as you would if they praised you too highly.